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RUSSIA ADMITS

Her Inferiority to Japan on the Sea—Is Plain Spoken.

It is Her Intention to Remain in Korea—No Other Battles Reported.

LATEST WAR OPERATIONS

DISCARDS THE MASK.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The newspaper Viet today discards the mask regarding Russia's designs in Korea, and frankly states that the country must pass under Russian control as a matter of self preservation. The paper adds: "We have every confidence that the army will shortly begin operations in Korea, and drive out Japan. Whereupon we must annex the country and establish a garrison at Seoul, Yonhanph, Masampo, and elsewhere. We must now confess that we're not a great sea power, and probably never will be. Russia naturally is a territorial power."

FRANCE EXPLAINS.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is officially explained that sending reinforcements to the Far East has no sinister significance whatever. The official explanation states that general unrest among Asiatic people due to Japanese victories is likely to extend to the French into China, consequently the French forces there requested strengthening.

TO WATCH THE CONFLICT.

Rome, Feb. 19.—It is announced that the Italian cruiser Linguessa under the command of the Duke of Abruzzi is now in South American waters and will go to Japan to watch the conflict in far eastern waters.

HUNDREDS DROWNED.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—The newspaper Narodni Listy today prints the report that two regiments of Russian pioneers and one regiment of railway troops were drowned while crossing lake Balak.

NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is announced that M. Plehve is replaced in the Russian ministry of finance by M. Kokovsov.

RUSSIANS WANT VOLUNTEERS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A call for volunteers was issued from the war office. Owing to the dissatisfied temper of the people, the call was diplomatically worded. It said that the general staff was willing to accept volunteers for service in the Far East. They must have military training, or be under forty years of age.

JAP FLEET STILL INTACT.

London, Feb. 19.—The Japanese legation here received an official dispatch from Tokio saying it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed so far in any of the various naval engagements, and that all the necessary repairs had been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact.

This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kiu Chau, after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners. It says the Japanese forces have, up to the present time, made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

RUSSIA IS WILLING.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Following another conference between Foreign Minister Delcasse and Ambassador Porter, it is understood that Russian formal adhesion to the American note will be announced within a week. It now appears that responsible Russian officials made known that, with the exception of Manchuria from the operations of the note, Russia saw no objection to its acceptance. This was considered sufficient to permit France to accept with a reservation excepting Manchuria, but Russia's formal action awaits

submission for the approval of the czar, and owing to the pressure of the war operations its submission has been deferred, although it is expected daily. The foreign office here has been advised of Italy's acceptance.

BRITISH BOAT FIRED ON.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Hai-Ping from Chin Wang Tao, reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forts when seeking shelter in the outer roads off Port Arthur, and was then ordered to Dalny, where she was detained four days in spite of her captain's protests. The Russian gunboat Mandjur has not gone up the river to be dismantled, as reported. She remains at Shanghai, in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave this port.

PORT ARTHUR BESIEGED.

Paris, Feb. 19.—An eminent military authority connected with one of the embassies says that Port Arthur was practically besieged, and that it was a serious question whether this would not compel either the abandonment or surrender of the fortress, with its men and material. The grounds for this belief were stated as follows: "Admiral Toog's ships, on watch at the entrance of the port, prevent ingress or egress, thus establishing a virtual blockade and cutting off the chances of relief from seaward. The Japanese troops near New Chwang and other points on the Liao Tung peninsula are able to interrupt the rail road forming the lines of communication and supplies between Port Arthur and Harin. The result is the gradual investiture of Port Arthur within the Japanese naval and military lines. It will require bold action on the part of the Russian forces to prevent the final accomplishment of the investiture and slow reduction of Port Arthur."

RUSSIANS' REPLY.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department has had an intimation that the Russian reply to Secretary Hay's note relative to the neutralization of China will be forthcoming in a day or two. Russia first looked upon this proposition as an act adverse to their interests, but it is now stated that they are entirely willing to accept. A condition, however, will be attached safeguarding the important interests that Russia has acquired in Manchuria in connection with the Siberian rail road and its branches, and the considerable ports and inland towns that have been developed at Russia's expense, in connection with the Siberian railway project. It is understood that the validity of these interests will be admitted by the co-operating powers. As for Japan, while her acceptance of Secretary Hay's proposition also was coupled with a condition, it is admitted that this was nothing more than a requirement that Russia be bound equally with Japan in the observation of neutrality and restriction of the war area.

WAR NEWS SUMMARY.

The new Japanese war loan was subscribed twice over.

Emperor William has tendered the German hospitals at Kiao Chou and Yokohama to wounded Japanese and Russian troops.

Japan will issue paper currency redeemable in gold for the use of the troops in Korea. This is said to be in effect, a forced loan.

Japan accepted Mr. Hay's plan to limit the area of hostilities and it is expected that Russia's acceptance would be acknowledged in a few days.

Russia's response to Secretary Hay's note is expected by the end of another week. It is understood that the czar agrees with all of the conditions in the message with the exception of that governing Manchuria.

From Tokio came reports that the advance guard of the Russian army had taken up a strong position at Ping Yang in its march toward Seoul, but immediate attack on the Korean capital is considered unlikely.

St. Petersburg reported that Gen. Kuropatkin would go to the front and take command of all the land forces. The dispatches added that by a careful time calculation it had been discovered that the torpedo attack at Port Arthur took place one hour before M. Karino called at the foreign office to announce the severance of diplomatic relations.

BROUGHT HOME

Representative W. C. Clarke Reaches Paducah.

Has Erysipelas But May Recover Unless Complications Set in.

UNCONSCIOUS MUCH OF TIME

Capt. W. C. Clark, representative from McCracken county in the Kentucky legislature, who was taken seriously ill in Frankfort, was brought home this morning, arriving at 3:30 o'clock with his son, Mr. Charles Clark, who went to Frankfort yesterday.

Capt. Clark stood the trip remarkably well, and is resting comfortably at his home on South Fourth street this afternoon. He is suffering from erysipelas, and not from pneumonia as at first reported. His physicians here think that if the erysipelas, which is in his nose, can be arrested he will recover, but his condition is very precarious and death may come at any time. He is unconscious most of the time, only having occasional lucid intervals.

This afternoon there was no change in the condition of Capt. Clark reported. He is unconscious most of the time. One of the principal reasons he was brought home was that in order, if he cannot recover, he will be at home when the worst comes. His condition might have become such in a day or two that it would have been impossible to move him.

Capt. Clark's many friends, however, hope that he will rally and soon recover.

BYSTANDER SHOT.

AND KILLED JESSE BURTON, IT IS NOW CLAIMED.

Madisonville, Ky., Feb. 19.—The noted case of the Commonwealth vs. J. B. Lindle, charged with the murder of young Jesse Burton at Earlington on the 4th of last July, still continues in the circuit court. The case was called last Monday a week ago, making eleven days already consumed, and all of this time the court house has been crowded to overflowing.

There were something over 200 witnesses to testify for one side or the other. All the witnesses for the Commonwealth have been examined, and the work of examining witnesses for the defense taken up.

Lindle was placed on the stand and his evidence was considerably different to that of any of the witnesses. It is said that he contended that the shots fired by himself and Witherspoon, his deputy, two in number, were at random, leaving the impression that the shot that killed the young man was fired by some one else, perhaps a bystander.

MEETING SOON

PRESIDENT THOMPSON SAYS K. I. T. IS ALL RIGHT.

President Irvin Thompson, of the K. I. T., who returned yesterday from Indianapolis and the east, states that he has not decided on when to call a meeting of the K. I. T. managers and officers, but that it will probably be Sunday week.

President Thompson says that the report that the K. I. T. is not in good condition is an error, as it is all right, and will without doubt be ready for business at the beginning of the season. All the cities, practically, have put up their forfeits. The reason no meeting was called for last Sunday is that no one wanted it except Paducah and Cairo.

NO INQUEST HELD.

Coroner Peal has not yet held an inquest in the George Crawford case. Crawford was injured down about Fulton several days ago, and died in the railroad hospital here.

THE COAL MARKET

May be Affected by This Proposition.

Private Corporation Wants to Expend a Million to Improve Cumberland River.

ASKS GOVERNMENT FOR AID

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—If congress will undertake to spend money to make the "navigable" portion of the Cumberland river navigable, a private corporation will undertake to improve the so-called unnavigable portion for nearly 50 miles above what is called the head of navigation by the government engineers. This stupendous plan of co-operation with the federal government was unfolded in the address made by L. E. Bryant, of Burnside, Ky., before the rivers and harbors committee of the house, and so struck the members of the committee that they asked for the immediate action submission of the proposition in writing.

Mr. Bryant and his associate, C. W. Cole, of Cincinnati, were before the committee in the interest of the proposed appropriation for the completion of Lock 21 on the Cumberland, 30 miles below Burnside. The completion of this lock and dam, without regard to other proposed improvements on the river, would insure a nine-foot harbor at Burnside the year round. If the government will expend the quarter of a million dollars necessary to this work, Mr. Bryant's company will agree to improve the river for many miles above Burnside out of private funds.

Mr. Bryant says that above Burnside, on the banks of the Cumberland, are eight veins of drift coal, four to six feet deep each, of exactly the same conformation as the Kanawha coal fields of West Virginia. If a harbor is assured at Burnside it will be possible to load barges there in the summer, and then when a tide comes to tow them down the Cumberland to the Ohio and Mississippi. Without this it will be impracticable to develop those coal mines on any large scale, as cheap transportation cannot be secured.

To get cheap transportation the capitalists back of the plan propose to secure a franchise from the federal government, to work under the scrutiny of the war department, and to expend approximately a million dollars for the improvement of the river from the coal veins down to Burnside.

Whether the federal government will enter into a co-operation with a mining company is a question yet to be opened and considered. The proposition will be made to congress through the rivers and harbors committee by Mr. Bryant.

Burnside is five hundred miles nearer to New Orleans by water than Pittsburgh; the Cumberland is never blocked by ice, and if anything should come of this scheme, the coal market of the Mississippi valley probably will be materially affected.

IS CONFIRMED.

W. D. CRUM MADE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The senate committee on commerce authorized a favorable report on the nomination of W. D. Crum to be collector of customs at the port of Charleston, S. C. All the members of the committee were not present, but there was a sufficient number of affirmative votes to insure favorable action. All of the absentees have their votes recorded against the nomination.

RUSSIA'S REPLY.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Russian reply to Japan regarding the administrative enmity of China, was handed to United States Minister McCormick today.

HAD TO SHOOT

Our Gunboats Forced to Fire on Domingo Rebels

Funeral of the Late Senator Hanna—No Consuls Safe at Dalne.

EMPRESS OF CHINA IS DEAD

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Feb. 19.—The French mail steamship which arrived here today reports the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia forced to fire on Dominican rebels outside the city of San Domingo because the insurgents fired on the American mail ship.

SENATOR HANNAS' FUNERAL.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—The funeral of the late Senator Hanna occurred today from St. Paul's church. Admission was by card and the edifice was completely filled by senators, representatives, members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, and friends of the dead senator. Services were conducted by Bishop Leonard of the Episcopal diocese of Ohio and the remains will be placed in a vault in Lake View cemetery.

NOT SAFE AT DALNY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—It is officially announced that Russia has informed the state department that it would be inadvisable at the present time to send an American consul to Dalny. All foreigners are to be sent from that port in a few days.

AROUSES CHINESE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Pekin correspondent wires United States minister Conger, requested that the Japanese minister refrain from circulating news regarding Japanese victories, as it tends to excite Chinese to a threatening degree.

DOWAGER EMPRESS DEAD.

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Canton this afternoon states that it is reported in official circles that the dowager empress of China is dead.

BLAME ON BULGARIA

TURKEY ADDRESSES A NOTE TO THE POWERS REGARDING BALKAN UPRISING.

Washington, Feb. 19.—In connection with the threatened uprisings in the Balkans diplomats here have received the full text of a note sent by Turkey to the powers signatory to the treaty of Berlin. The note charges Bulgaria with fomenting all the troubles in Macedonia.

Bulgaria is charged with contending public sale of dynamite to the Macedonians and the reform schemers who were in Macedonia.

TEAMSTERS TO STRIKE

MARCH 18 ABOUT 6,000 WILL GO OUT IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 19.—It was reported after conference tonight that there would be a strike of over 6,000 teamsters here on March 18, the date on which existing contracts expire. About 3,000 employers will be affected. The trouble originated in the refusal of the Employers' association to recognize the union.

OF LOCKJAW

VALUABLE COLT DIES AT HENNEBERGER STABLE.

A valuable Dyersburg colt belonging to Mr. H. A. Henneberger, died this morning at the stables at Ninth and Harrison streets from lockjaw. The animal was valued at \$200 and stuck a nail in its foot last week.

Mrs. C. J. Holcomb and son, Virgil, returned yesterday from Mayfield.

ABOUT THE HALL

Bond Suit Will Probably Not be Filed for Some Time.

Officer finds the Owner of a lost pocket Book With \$17.

NOTES ABOUT CITY HALL

The petition ex parte filed by Attorney Mark Worten, as city solicitor, several weeks ago to test the validity of the city improvement bond issue, street improvement, will probably be acted on in a few days.

The petition was filed some time ago, but Judge Husbands did not act on it and Judge William Reed when he came into office found so much accumulated business that he has been unable to consider it. He will act on the petition in a few days, however, it is stated on good authority.

The finance committee of both boards recently ordered the new City Solicitor, Attorney Puryear, to bring a suit to test the validity of the street improvement bonds, but no action probably will be taken until Judge Reed makes a decision in the other case.

The question of floating the bonds will come up for consideration as soon as the matter of the validity of the issue is settled, and it is anticipated some little trouble will result. The county of McCracken has been trying to float for more than a year \$100,000 of bonds and the lowest bid that has been secured was 4 per cent. and this was rejected. The lowest bid on these bonds since the 4 per cent. bid has been just ½ per cent. higher.

The pocketbook found by Officer John Hession at the I. C. depot several days ago has been claimed. The pocketbook contained \$17 and was the property of Mr. Jones, who lives with Mr. Pete Derrington, of Seventh and Jones street. Mr. Jones called at the city hall and fully identified the property, telling the exact amount of money the purse contained. It was turned over to him and he was most profuse in his thanks to the popular officer who found it and turned it over to Captain Woods to wait the claimant.

The office of City Clerk Henry Bailey, who recently took charge, is one of the finest in the city, and is now about complete. Clerk Bailey is very proud of the success he has made of the office, and expects in a short time to have a regular big city office.

Depositions are today being taken in the case against Wm. Lightfoot, colored, charged with the killing of Roy Sloan at Woodstock, Tenn. It will probably be several days until the work is finished.

CAPT. CLARK'S BILL

WILL BE CALLED IN DEFERENCE TO DYING LEGISLATOR.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 19.—In the Senate today Senator J. Wheeler Campbell, of Paducah, secured consent to call up the house bill of Representative W. C. Clark, providing for the repeal of section 1701 of the Kentucky statutes, the law as to no exemptions in wages of laborers for hire, which was passed at the 1903 session.

He said the author of the bill, who is believed to be on his death bed, desired to know it had been acted upon. Senator Campbell urged the passage of the bill and the bill was adopted by a vote of 23 to 8.

SMALL BLAZE.

The South Side fire department was called to the residence of Mr. Joe Bethel, on Broad street, this morning about 10:30 to extinguish a burning fire. No damage was done.

Miss Myrtle Umbaugh, of Columbus, Ohio, returned home yesterday after visiting here.